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August 1981

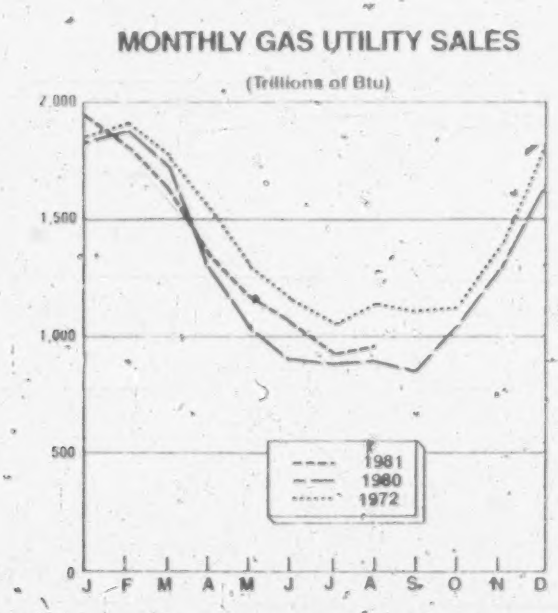
Industrial sales in August of 1981 increased 6.5 percent causing a 4.7 percent rise in total sales. Commercial sales decreased 0.6 percent compared to last year, while residential sales remained unchanged. This month's gas sales brought the 1981 year to date figure to 10,878.1 trillions of Btu, 3.3 percent ahead of last year's rate.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

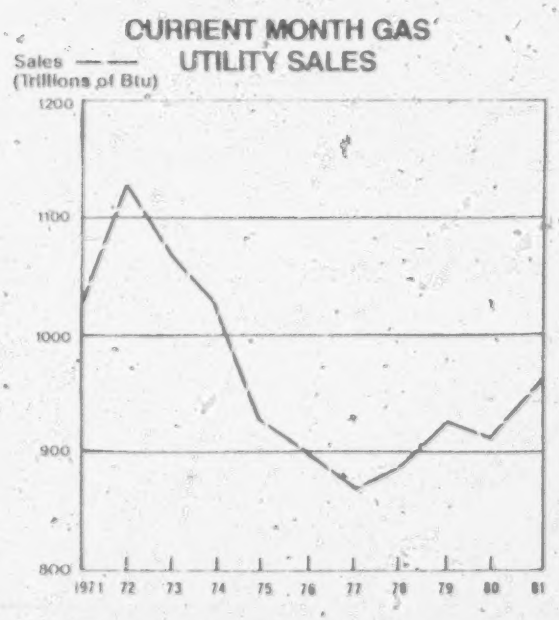
	August			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change[2]	1981	%Change From Last Period	1980*	1981 Forecast[1]
Residential	127.3	127.3	+ 0.0	3,332.2	- 2.0	4,823.0	4,732.7
Commercial	99.5	100.1	- 0.6	1,660.7	- 1.5	2,441.5	2,389.1
Industrial	715.1	671.5	+ 6.5	5,689.9	+ 8.2	7,862.0	8,293.5
Other	16.3	16.1	-	195.3	-	282.9	126.1
Total	958.2	915.0	+ 4.7	10,878.1	+ 3.3	15,409.4	15,541.4

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

*Based on the 1980 Gas Facts.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

August

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	123.1	118.9	+ 3.5
Electric	189.7	191.2	- 0.8
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	54.9	56.8	- 3.3
Electric	199.5	199.7	- 0.1
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	114.8	123.4	- 7.0
Electric	19.0	18.4	+ 3.3
Oil	7.1	5.4	+ 31.5
Boilers			
Gas	14.0	21.1	- 33.6
Electric	0.1	0.2	- 28.7
Oil	6.3	4.5	+ 38.9

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

August

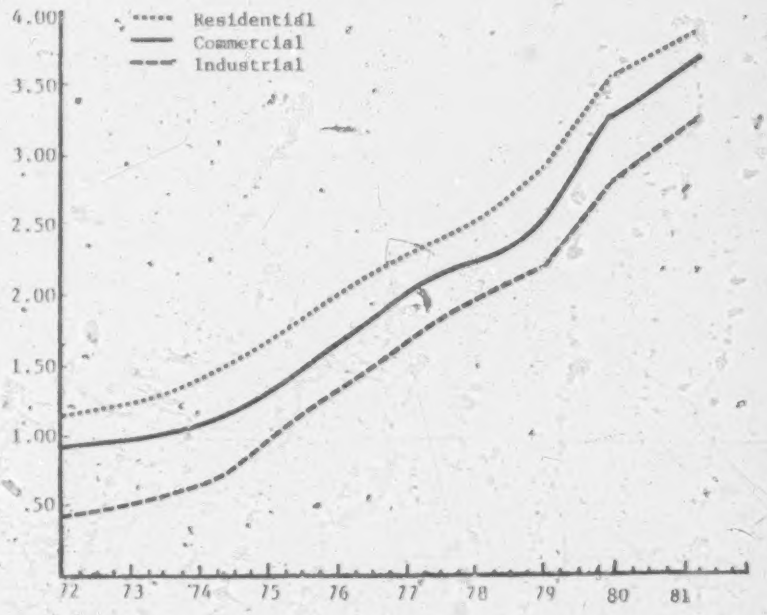
	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	85.7	129.9	- 34.0
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100).			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	416.2	375.2	+ 10.9
Electricity	311.9	268.3	+ 16.3
Fuel Oil	707.3	586.1	+ 20.7
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	116.5	111.3	+ 4.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.81	2.25
1981 1st Qtr.	3.58	3.88	3.74	3.22	2.77

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1] 1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are defived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2] The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.